

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held July 15, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Jake Mellor, Commission Chair  
Jae Potter, Commissioner  
Casey Hopes, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor  
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk  
Sandy Lehman, Commission Secretary  
Jeff Wood, Sheriff  
Christian Bryner, Attorney  
Rose Barnes, HR  
Julie Medley, Assessor  
Shelley Wright, CJC  
Karen Dolan, Four Corners

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Mellor welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:30 p.m.

**1) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2015 Work Meeting with a clarification and correction on Item 2, paragraph 24, parenthesis will be added stating that "Seth noted that this statement was incorrect". Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**2) Approval of Personal Property Tax Exemptions – Julie Medley**

Julie Medley prepared a copy of the businesses that had filed for personal property tax exemption under code 59-2-11528. Commissioner Potter asked Julie if she had any concerns with any of the tax exemptions. She did not.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the personal property tax exemptions. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

**3) Approval of Contract with the State of Utah for the Children's Justice Center Program – Shelley Wright**

This Children's Justice Center contract is for five years and from now on amendments will be added that reflect the budget. The Children's Justice Center operates through the Utah Attorney General's office and there are three contracts needing signature.

The next contract is an amendment for the home visiting contract which will extend it for three months and then they will have a new RP and the grant can be written. Shelley will need six signatures from each Commissioner on the two contracts. Commissioner Potter said these are standard contracts and similar to those in the past.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the State contracts. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve amendment #1 on the Department of Human Services contract. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**4) Ratify Acknowledgement of Agreement between Aaron Mark Powell and the 7<sup>th</sup> District Court for Bailiff Services**

Christian said this agreement is formalizing an existing contract that recognizes Aaron Powell as being paid separately for bailiff services.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to acknowledge the agreement between Aaron Mark Powell and 7<sup>th</sup> District Court for Bailiff Services. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Consideration and decision on the Ten33 Software that was presented by Mark Marrott with Viper Technologies**

Commissioner Potter made a motion to not enter into an agreement with Ten33 software company. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mellor said it looks like fantastic software but the price tag is not feasible right now.

6) **Consideration and possible approval of DHS LMHA Contract with Carbon County – Karen Dolan, Four Corners Behavioral Health**

Karen Dolan presented three separate contracts for the Department of Human Services. This contract involves Carbon, Grand and Emery counties and Carbon County is the lead authority to sign all contracts. The Price office receives the federal block grant money for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

These are five year contracts and the funding allocation letters will be coming out soon. Four Corners is supported by twenty-six grants and these are two of the main mental health and substance abuse grants. This funding helps fill in the gaps from the other grants. They also provide free substance abuse support to youth in all three counties.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the DHS contract with the local mental health authorities. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Consideration and possible approval of DHS LSAA Contract with Carbon County – Karen Dolan, Four Corners Behavioral Health**

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the DHS LSAA Contract. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Karen explained that the amendment is for three years and provides family resource facilitating services to help families navigate the system. Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve amendment 2 to the mental health contract. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Continued Discussion on Soccer Fields**

Adam Bennett, the head coach at USU Eastern\* said one hundred soccer players will be coming to the College to participate in soccer. Utah is unique because of the number of talented soccer players.

Soccer tournaments can bring a lot of revenue to the community. This would be similar to the Region 18 basketball tournament held here which involved twelve basketball teams and brought in a great deal of revenue. The College will have twenty home soccer games which will have teams spending the night and there are four hundred club soccer kids playing in town. There is no official soccer field in this town. The existing college and high school fields are being improved but neither one of these are official fields. There are qualified coaches in the area that would support the fields. He is in support of the soccer fields being built anywhere and by next year. With multiple good fields, tournaments could be held. Putting in fields will benefit all and they will all be used. He further explained that the two fields being redone are legal to play on but they are not great surfaces and there is not an officially built soccer field in the town. Two official fields on the Durrant property will cost about 1.5 million. Club teams spend thousands of dollars to go to tournaments outside of Utah; if we could develop fields here other teams could come here. There is a need for new fields.

Commissioner Potter feels that a quality facility is coming to the campus. The plan is to highlight the College and increase its exposure with new soccer facilities. The SSD (Trans and Rec Special Service District) is not willing to fund the Durrant fields because the County does not own the property. But there are other interests to develop the Durrant property.

Commissioner Hopes asked if there is a possibility of combining the two projects. The College could do the heavy equipment work on both properties and the College, Price City, Carbon School District and the County could develop a partnership to build the fields all at once. Commissioner Potter said the College wants to be a partner. They are willing to do what it takes to get their fields built. If no one is willing to help them, they will still build the Durrant fields but it will take three years to complete. Commissioner Hopes said if the group can leverage funds another way then we could get both projects completed.

Dr. Brady asked if the Commission had any question about the survey he presented. He felt that the conversation with the College was constructive. There are a lot of people interested, both locations are great ideas and he is willing to help.

Commissioner Potter asked what the next step would be for funding in order to maximize both projects. Commissioner Hopes would like to identify the interested partners and take it back to the SSD board for a discussion. If both projects can be combined and five fields built then Trans and Rec SSD might be more accepting of a proposal because two of the fields would be dedicated to County property.

Commissioner Mellor asked if all the parties could meet together in a work meeting. Commissioner Potter will coordinate with Sandy to schedule a work meeting and contact the interested parties.

Paul Smith asked what was the County's plan of action. Commissioner Hopes said they are trying to get all the different players together in a meeting with the SSD who has issues with the Durrant field and would rather build on County property out at the Fairgrounds. The Commission wants to make sure they are maximizing spaces and dollars. Each Commissioner explained their role in the project. Paul is hopeful for the new soccer fields and is anxiously waiting for them to be completed.

Mark Holyoak representing Castleview Hospital would love to see the soccer fields built as soon as possible as well as a rec center and is willing to help see the soccer field project come together.

Tracy Brady asked what the time line would be and when can the next meeting be held. She does not want the project to stall.

Commissioner Mellor said that the SSD needs to be approached. Commissioner Hopes said funding needs to be looked at and the next funding cycle with the CIB is in September. If the funding can be found then the fields could be ready by spring.

Phil Howa is concerned with losing doctors, families and athletes who have built this program, if we don't have the facilities. He is here to support the project to back the great athletes in the area.

Melanie Fausett has received many calls from concerned parents about the conditions of the soccer fields. She is afraid that if we don't do something we will lose families from our communities. She would like to see the revenue from the tournaments brought in. Anything we can do to keep children active would be good. She asked for background information on the College property versus the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Potter said the original conversation with the College was for a partnership with a long term lease which included maintenance of the facility, saving the County hundreds of thousands of dollars. The College fields would be close to Carbon High and Mont Harmon Junior High's fields and could be a soccer complex unlike anywhere else in the State. Part of the construction on the Durrant field could be done by the heavy equipment class at the College and a soccer complex would give exposure to the University. It would have been a great location but the problem is the SSD doesn't want to help fund the field at the College. The County does not have the money to build the facility on its own. Water is also an issue. Everything at the Fairgrounds is watered by secondary water including the baseball complex and the motocross track. Extra Fairgrounds staff would have to be added and the model aircraft field is now being impacted by houses and the Senior Center and may need to be moved. By combining resources and becoming partners maybe we could do both sets of soccer fields. Details have to be worked out.

Melanie Fausett feels like the conversations drag on but nothing is accomplished. She asked for a date for the next meeting and what they will accomplish.

Commissioner Mellor asked Melanie for her opinion as a school board member. She is leery of the College fields because of scheduling issues. If the School District is involved they would want to be able to use the fields and not be superseded by the College. Any sport activity helps children.

Doug Morris is a board member for PYSA and said teams make the decision to come to an event and they need competitive teams to play. He explained how tournaments operate and the competitive interaction with other teams. It takes teams and coaches who want to come and compete and enjoy their time in our area. If the facilities are not great it will discourage them from coming again. We want to make sure that when a team comes they have a great experience.

Mitchell Bickmore said he coaches in the Utah Youth Soccer Program. Nothing has changed since he played in the youth program. Mitchell said if we can produce something competitive here then it could become a central hub for Eastern Utah including Salina, Richfield and over to Uintah and Grand counties. This can be bigger than anyone understands. Ten years from now if we can have an eight to twelve field complex completed it will be unique in the State and will draw more attention to our area. He believes that the property at the Fairgrounds will allow for this kind of growth.

There were no other comments from the audience.

(\*Utah State University Eastern is called the "College" and "University" throughout the discussion.)

**9) Review and Approval of Departmental Reports**

Commissioner Potter made the motion to adjourn, Commission Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5: 36 p.m.

  
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Jake Mellor, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor

